



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Senate Bill #354 - An Act Concerning Music and Art Therapy

The Department of Public Health opposes Senate Bill #354. This bill requires the Department to establish two new licensure programs, for music therapists and art therapists, by October 1, 2016.

There would be a fiscal impact to the Department associated with the implementation and maintenance of two new licensure programs that the Department is unable to accomplish within existing resources. As Governor Malloy stated in his 2016 State of the State Address, we must reset our expectations of what we can afford in light of the new economic reality facing Connecticut.

Thank you for considering the Department's view on this proposal.

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